In Loving Memory

Irene Irving

Sunrise: April 4, 1937

Sunset: August 1, 2019

SERVICE HELD

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2019 AT 11:00AM

FULLER FUNERALS INC.

3100 CUTTING BLVD, RICHMOND, CA 94804

Officiating: Minister Derek Jackson

BAYO VISTA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Obituary

Irene Irving was born on April 4, 1937, in McGhee, Arkansas to the proud parents of Julious and Samella (Caldwell) Thomas, both preceded her in death. She moved to California with her family in 1946. She was educated in the Richmond Unified School district where she attended Peres Elementary, Roosevelt Jr. High and Richmond High. She graduated in 1955. Irene and her siblings all accepted Christ at a very early age. She grew up in a loving family with her parents and 12 siblings (Lovie, Chessie, Bonnie, Roosevelt and Jellean all preceded her in death).

Irene had two daughters. She and Otis Sharp (preceded her in death) were the proud parents of Brenda Denise Sharp who was born November 13, 1955. Irene later married Bennie Erving (preceded her in death) on April 8, 1967 and with this union they were blessed with a beautiful baby girl, Elisa Adele Irving (preceded her in death) born January 31, 1961.

Irene attended nursing school and worked at Kaiser Permanente in San Rafael until she retired. Irene stayed active and loved creating things. She was an excellent seamstress. One of her greatest highlights was making her daughter's wedding dress and all of the bridesmaid dresses. Every year for the Monterey Blues Festival, Irene would make the outfits that she and her sisters would wear. They would all be dressed alike. She did upholstery and built children's furniture that she would sell in her driveway. Irene loved to bake and cook as well. Irene cooked wild game like bear, moose, dear, elk, squirrel, etc., and would not tell her family what they were eating until they had finished. She'd say, "did ya like that bear meat?" Irene created beautiful macramé plant hangers. She enjoyed playing dominoes and cards. Irene was a longtime member of the Aries Social Club in Richmond. She also enjoyed working in her yard. She had a toilet planter box in her front yard. What Irene loved the most was spending time with her family. She was known as Aunt Renna by her nieces and nephews and black Sally by her siblings and close friends. She would host a family campout at her place in Dos Palos over the Memorial Day weekend. Family would travel from as far as Los Angeles and even West Virginia for this annual campout. Residents of Dos Palos would always drive by as tents were all over her property. Even the local sheriff would stop by.

Irene will be dearly missed. She leaves to cherish her precious memory, her loving daughter Brenda Sharp Fortune, and her son-in-law Anthony Fortune. Four brothers, Julius (Juanita) of Sacramento, Jessie (Brenda), Chester and Quincy all of Richmond, CA. Two sisters Isadora of Sacramento and Mary of Suisun City, CA. Fifteen nieces and Twelve nephews and a host of nieces and nephews in-laws, and myriad of great, great great, and great great great nieces and nephews, cousins and loving friends. She will be forever in our hearts.

Order of Service

Processional
Prayer of Comfort.....Pastor Derek Milton, Bayo Vista First Baptist
Old Testament (Psalms 23).....Minister Derek Jackson, Bayo Vista First Baptist
New Testament (John 3:16).....Pastor Derek Milton
Musical Selection
Acknowledgement of Cards and Condolences
Poem
Obituary
Expressions.....2 minutes each please
Musical Selection
Words of Comfort.....Minister Derek Jackson, Bayo Vista First Baptist
Parting View.....Fuller Funerals Inc. Staff

Repast: Moose Lodge, 4660, El Sobrante, CA 94803

Active Pallbearers

RODRICK THOMAS, MARK CHANDLER

JALEN CHANDLER, JARET THOMAS

KENNY DANIEL, CHESTER THOMAS JR.

Honorary Pallbearers

JULIUS THOMAS, CHESTER THOMAS

JESSE THOMAS, QUINCY BELL

Dear Mama

A Mother Like You…
I just want you to know
You mean the world to me,
Only a heart as dear as yours
Would give so unselfishly.

The many things you've done
All the times that you were there,
Helps me know deep down inside
How much you really cared.

Even though I might not say
I appreciated all you did,
Richly blessed is how I feel
Having a mother just like you!

EXPRESSIONS OF GRATITUDE

Perhaps you made a comforting call or sat quietly in a chair. Perhaps you sent a card or dish of food; if so we saw it there. Perhaps you sent a floral arrangement or even helped out financially; if so your thoughtfulness and generosity were appreciated. Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us that day. Whatever you did to console our hearts, we thank you so much whatever the part.

The Fortune and Thomas Family

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